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**HOUSE CONCURRENT  
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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Sam Jones.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Sam Jones.

*Whereas, Sam Jones died at the age of 74 in Houston, Texas, after battling leukemia for more than two years;*

*Whereas, Sam Jones worked tirelessly in his quest to make Indianapolis a better place to live for everyone;*

*Whereas, Sam Jones was born on March 3, 1929, in Heidelberg, Mississippi, where he witnessed segregation in its most brutal form;*

*Whereas, Sam Jones stated later in life that it was the segregation that existed in Heidelberg, Mississippi, that made him more acutely aware of the need to learn to live together peacefully;*

*Whereas, Sam Jones arrived in Indianapolis after working for the Urban League in Cleveland, Ohio, Pontiac, Michigan, and St. Paul, Minnesota;*

*Whereas, Sam Jones, who helped to establish the Indianapolis Urban League in 1966, was the first and only president and chief executive officer of that organization;*

*Whereas, When Sam Jones began working for the Indianapolis Urban League, he worked out of a motel room; last year the Urban League opened its \$3 million Indiana Avenue headquarters that bears his name;*



*Whereas, In addition to his duties at the Urban League, Sam Jones served on a variety of commissions and championed issues ranging from suicide prevention to economic development;*

*Whereas, On March 16, 2003, Sam Jones was awarded the prestigious Accomplished Achievement Award by the Center for Leadership Development in recognition of his many contributions to Indianapolis and its citizens;*

*Whereas, In recognition of Sam Jones' years of tireless service to his community, Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson named the Celebration of Diversity Award in his honor; and*

*Whereas, Sam Jones was a man of peace and a soldier fighting for equality and justice for all; his death has left a void that is impossible to fill: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives  
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,  
the Senate concurring:*

1       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly extends its deep  
2       felt sympathy to the family of Sam Jones in its time of grief and  
3       expresses its gratitude for the countless hours of selfless service Sam  
4       Jones dedicated to the betterment of all of Hoosiers in his quest for  
5       equality for all.

6       SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
7       Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of  
8       Sam Jones.

